

District 7 DR and AISL Report to AWSC February 5-6, 2016

District meetings continue monthly. We have 46 meetings; unfortunately too many are without a GR.

A sharing of how the Tradition and Concept apply to one's personal life is part of our agenda.

~In September, Cindy J., Area Chairperson came and shared with us about conflict resolution.

“Conflict Resolution using our Twelve Traditions ” is a ringed set of cards. During our mini-workshop, she shared a hypothetical situation and each member had a different Tradition Card and was encouraged to share how we would apply the Tradition to solve the conflict.

> October we approved the budget for 2016.

As a District we are very fortunate that members are willing to Chair these events:

~”GRATITUDE WORKS * Anytime * Anywhere * Anyone“ *” the theme for our Gratitude Dinner held on November 7th, 2015 was a wonderful evening of fellowship, food and fun.

~”**STEPPIN' TO SERENITY**” our Day of Workshops will be held April 2, 2016. Come learn and share about the 12 Steps.

In 2015, the AISL, AIS Secretary, and the AIS Chairpersons in service for District 7 met at the early hour of 8 o'clock for an AIS Chairpersons Meeting prior to our monthly District Meeting. We have by group conscience decided to try a six-month trial period of meeting every other month beginning in January 2016. This decision speaks to the level of comfort that we each have with our service positions after a year and also to the fact that we're all a call, text or email away. With much gratitude for the service of all the AIS Chairpersons, we report the following:

The AI-Anews Chairperson gives kudos to District 8's *Serenity Messenger* for the inspiration of a change in format. The new format is easy to work with and can be expanded when needed.

The Alateen Chairperson and DAPP served as co-chairs for the Alateen program at the 2015 NFA AFG Convention. The Alateen Chairperson shares “I was impressed by the courtesy and appreciation of the Alateens and their families expressed at the end of the day. To me, it affirmed the positive effect that Al-Anon/Alateen can have in a family.” District 7 contributed an Alateen literature basket that was a big hit. We remain hopeful that a new Alateen meeting or two will soon come about.

The Archives Chairperson continues to sort, sleeve, catalogue, organize and invite members to assist with these tasks every other Saturday at the storage facility. The Area Archives Coordinator's scanning process by phone is serving as great inspiration to start scanning.

The Group Records Chairperson is the initial contact for any group information changes. She then informs the other AIS Chairpersons of AI-Anews, Information Line, Web Site and When & Where of any updates to information. We've found that this process lends itself to consistent data across the formats.

The public outreach Chairpersons of Institutions, Public Information, and (new) Cooperating with the Professional Community have been utilizing the 400 copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016*, outreach bookmarks, When & Where meeting lists, and other CAL in their outreach efforts.

The Literature Distribution Center Chairperson has a bookstore open at our District meetings when she is available. Orders are filled monthly and when the Chairperson is unavailable, wonderful volunteers have stepped forward to bring the orders to District Meeting, for which we are just so grateful.

The Speakers List Chairperson continues to receive occasional requests for a speaker. Often groups are finding speakers on their own without making an inquiry from the Chairperson.

The Web Site Chairperson continues to update and maintain our terrific resource of a website!

The When & Where Chairperson now provides a quarterly publication to the groups for inreach and to the AIS for outreach. This change from a monthly to a quarterly When & Where has been well received and has been a cost saving move as well.

Peace and love in service,

Kathy S, DR and Elizabeth W, AISL - District 7